

THE TULSA STAR

A. J. SMITHERMAN, Editor and Publisher.

Entered as Second Class Mail Matter at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES:

One Year \$2.00
 Six Months 1.50
 Three Months 1.00
 All Subscriptions Must be Paid in Advance.

JOHN SMITHERMAN, Circulation Manager

OUR POLITICAL FAITH.

"All men are born equal and endowed with certain inalienable rights, among which are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."
 —Thomas Jefferson.

We believe in the principles of true Democracy as promulgated by the patriot, Thomas Jefferson, and without fear or favor, we will be found at all times fighting for an honest, impartial application of these principles to all men regardless of race or color.



"VOTE 'NO' on Sec. 9A, Article 10, amendment to the state constitution, unless you want to increase your annual taxes."

"HOWARD FOR CONGRESS" seems to be the settled slogan with Tulsa people, regardless of party lines, and when Tulsa will she will.

DO YOUR DUTY Tuesday—Vote, and vote right. You owe it to your country and to yourself to exercise the right of franchise. Whatever your politics—vote.

THE PARAMOUNT ISSUE with the colored people of Tulsa is the return of Congressman E. B. Howard to Congress and the election of the local Democratic ticket.

"POLITICS" makes strange bed fellows," runs an old saying, to which we might add with propriety, "of some otherwise fairly sane men, politics also makes ools incarnate."

THE COLORED MAN or woman in Tulsa who is well informed in political matters, and who has the best interest of the race at heart, will surely vote for the county Democratic ticket.

AT ANY RATE, the vote of the women will decide the election, and while Gov. Cox is not necessarily a ladies' man, the majority of the fair ones are Cox women, all of which indicates that the Ohio Governor will be the next president.

ONE THING IS CERTAIN: Gov. Cox will carry Oklahoma, no matter how many colored votes are cast for Harding. And it is practically conceded now that he will carry New York and Ohio. If this prediction proves true Senator Harding will be lost in the shuffle.

ONE OF OUR WHITE SUBSCRIBERS writes: "I am very much interested in your paper and the splendid fight you are making to bring your race to a political emancipation. You deserve special commendation from the people of your community in both races." Thank you! But the trouble with most of our newspaper fellows is that we seldom ever get all we deserve. Fortunate are we though, at that.

THE ELECTION NEXT TUESDAY, no matter who is elected president, can't be accepted as indicative of party strength. As never before in the history of the country the political parties are split on the national issues and as a result thousands of strict politicians will scratch their ticket. But in the final count the verdict of the people will be rendered unmistakably for the best man in their judgment—and here's hoping that man will be James M. Cox.

THE INTELLIGENT PEOPLE of Tulsa are entitled to an apology from those who are responsible for the grating on their finer senses that the injection of the unpleasant race question into the campaign has occasioned and the "airing" given it by the press of this city. We deplore the incident and regret that we live among men of such narrow vision; but this sorrow is counterbalanced by the joy we feel in the knowledge that these men represent the minority of our splendid cosmopolitan citizenship.

THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY was born when Thomas Jefferson, the father of Democracy, wrote the Declaration of Independence promulgating the principles of justice and equality. "All men are created free and equal and endowed with certain inalienable rights among which are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," and no deviation from these principles or divergent policies as advocated by sap-headed political misfits of any faith can change the true fundamental pillar stones of the party. Any man who is really a man capable of using to the best advantage the gray matter God has given him can ascribe to the principles of Democracy—he does not expect others to do so.

"CONCEDING EVERYTHING that the Negro contends, who wants to vote with the Democrats, admitting all of his argument to the effect that the Republican party is doing nothing for the Negro but making promises, that Negro has yet to convince the Black Dispatch that the Democratic party offers the elixir for out ills in citizenship." The above appeared in last week's Black Dispatch, followed with a long lettered, pointless spasm of riddles against the race man who has manifested his good common sense by cutting himself loose from his traditional political bondage and supporting our friends in the Democratic party with his vote.

If a sane process of common sense reasoning (which we have heretofore ascribed to the editor of the Black Dispatch) cannot convince him and turn him from his erroneous pathway, certainly it would be a useless waste of time to move from their fixed notions of love and devotion to the Republican party and their animosity to the Democratic, just as there are white men of both parties who cannot be convinced that their prejudiced attitude toward the black man is fundamentally wrong. Realizing that to "convince a fool against his will, he is of the same opinion still," few of us care to waste time explaining.

THE RECENT COLORED FAIR held at Wewoka may not have been the financial success the promoter anticipated—and it probably was not—but from the standpoint of attendance by people of the white and Indian races, as well as colored people, and the cordial relationship existing between the three groups, a much higher and nobler purpose than that of making money, has been attained—that of breaking down the walls of racial antagonism and animosities based upon color prejudice, and cementing the splendid friendly relations which J. Cood Johnson, the promoter, has done and is still doing so much to establish in his community. Considered from this angle the fair was a booming success and deserves all that might be said by way of praise for the man who made it possible. "Coody," as he is known and loved in his home town by the people of the three races, has ingratiated himself into the good graces of his fellow townsmen and will live and die the idol of the people—of all races.

THANK GOD, THERE ARE SOME FAIR ONES

The first ballot of the electors who choose the candidates for the American Hall of Fame have rejected Frederick Douglass, the great Negro orator, who rose from slavery to a position of nation-wide distinction and who rendered incalculably valuable service to the cause of abolition.

This drawing of the color line is not authorized, so far as is known, by any of the provisions of the gift regulating the selection of distinguished Americans for this posthumous honor. Certainly it is not consistent with the broader principles of the Americanism which ought to govern the choice of these candidates.

Fame is not a matter of parentage. If there is any sound theory at the bottom of the system under which the Hall of Fame is maintained, the men and women so honored are those who have rendered great services to the nation, in one way or another. While many omissions have been grossly incongruous and while in all probability many selections have been undeserved, nevertheless through the system as a whole runs the idea that the men and women selected have served the nation in honoring themselves by their achievements themselves are chiefly honorable because they contributed

largely to the progress of the nation and to the stability of its institutions. From such a category it is grotesquely inconsistent arbitrarily to exclude such a man as Frederick Douglass—or Booker T. Washington or B. K. Bruce, for the matter of that. The annals of the black race in this country contain other names from which a choice ought to be made, even though it would be going too far to say that all should be included. The broad vision which ought to distinguish the action of the electors is narrowed to the pettiest of proportions if men are rejected because they were black, even though none may have been selected because he was white.
 —From the Kansas City Journal.

BUTTON, BUTTON—WHO'S GOT THE BUTTON?

Speaking about "the war," the partisans of Woodrow Wilson point out—with a great deal of justice—that this was in many respects more of a Republican war than a Democratic war and that billions of the people's money was "wasted" because of the "inefficiency" of the Republicans. The Wilsonites claim that practically every "key" position was occupied by a Republican during the greater part of the war.

Here they are:
 Gen. John J. Pershing, a Republican and son-in-law of Senator Warren, one of the administration's most bitter enemies, was commander-in-chief of the army in France.
 Admiral Sims, a Republican, ran the navy in the war zone.
 Harry A. Garfield, a Republican, and son of a former Republican president, was the fuel administrator.
 Herbert Hoover, of England, a Republican, was the food administrator.
 Howard E. Coffin, of the steel trust, a Republican, was in charge of aircraft—or was it air-graft?—production.
 Maj. Gen. Goethals, a Republican, was in charge of ship building.
 E. R. Stettinius, of J. Pierpont Morgan and company, a Republican, was made an assistant secretary of war in charge of all supplies.
 Maj. Gen. E. H. Crowder, a Republican, was in charge of the draft.
 Gen. Peyton C. March, a Republican, was chief of staff of the army.
 Henry P. Davison, of J. Pierpont Morgan and company, a Republican, was head of the Red Cross.
 Charles M. Schwab and Charles Piez, both Republicans, controlled the Emergency Fleet corporation.

Frank A. Vanderlip, of John D. Rockefeller's City Bank in New York, a Republican, managed the War Savings stamp campaign.
 And on top of all these names the Democrats can also prove that most of the "dollar-a-year men" were big Republican business men.

And occupying these "key positions" and holding the keys to Uncle Sam's treasury—with unlimited liberty money and other patriotic wealth gotten with the help of mobs and terrorism—these gentlemen naturally helped themselves.

It is, after all, nonsense to talk about "waste." Nothing was wasted. Big Business got every cent that could be gotten.
 Moreover, grafting was non-partisan. Therefore why blame only the Democrats.—Oklahoma Leader.

A NEW CHILD IS BORN

THE OLD WORLD—the old order of things temporal—has passed away and a new world—new conditions and environments—have been ushered in. This is true in a political sense as much as in any other sense and with the colored man as well as with men of other races.

As touching the race in a political and economic sense this fact is being evidenced on every hand. The recent world war, its beginning and closing, marked this epoch in the world's history, but the change had been in process a number of years. The campaign now closing and the election next Tuesday are but milestones in this era of evolution. The world is in a state of unrest and all of this commotion, political and otherwise, is simply the necessary process of elimination, or preparing the world for further and greater events in the history of mankind.

In the present and in the future the black man will play his part, just as he has played a part in the past. It's unavoidable. But his part in the future events of men—in the new world—will be vastly different from the part he played in days gone by. The new world has brought forth a new man, conceived and birthed in the womb of oppression and persecution; of humble parentage but with inherited character which will eventually exalt him to the rightful place among men on the plane of human equality. The child is born. It has yet to grow and develop into manhood. God alone is able to still the life of this child and that is not in the Divine plan. It will grow and in growing will take on the qualities of character which will enable him to master environments and develop into perfect manhood. The child of today will be the man of tomorrow.

In the old order of things, speaking from a political standpoint, the black man had one faith—that was based in the Republican party.

By false teachings and false notions of obligations and loyalty he clung to this faith like a drowning man might cling to a straw. In his weakness and illiteracy, his untutored mind was incapable of considering men in their relationship to measures, and as a natural result became the victim of his own stupidity—a slave to the Republican party.

But this black man has passed away with the old world and a new black man has come forth with the new world—the undeveloped child referred to; the vision which has prompted a large per cent of colored men and women to join hands and declare allegiance to true Democratic principles and with their vote endorse and encourage our friends in the Democratic party.

In no other way can the race entertain hope of emerging from the thralldom of political darkness in which the traditions of our forefathers have engulfed us.

Let us rejoice at the dawn of a new era and the birth of this new child, and like the wise men of the East, let us go in search of this newborn babe and herald him to the world as the savior of his people. Let us forgive and forget the past and turn our faces to the future. What was good for our forefathers is not meat for the new generations. We must face new conditions with new ideas and renewed determination to surmount all obstacles and find our place in the world among men on the great plane of human equality.

HERE IS A LITTLE MORE REPUBLICANISM

READ THIS, Mr. Hide-bound colored Republican, and try to remember it when you go into the booth Tuesday:

As a taxpayer residing in County Commissioners District No. 1, I am writing you to inquire if it is satisfactory to the Tribune, likewise the Tulsa World, that a Negro represent this, our Commissioners District. I ask this simply because I have failed to read anywhere in the columns of your paper any reference to the fact that the Republican nominee, E. N. Bryant, is a Negro. It would seem to me it is high time the electorate of this district is informed of his fact in order that when they go to the polls on the second day of November they may know that the man whose name appears upon the ballot as E. N. Bryant, is colored. I am not antagonistic to the African race and believe in being fair as regards the right of ballot, etc., except the time will not reach us immediately soon when I as a Republican can subscribe myself to the support of a Negro for any public office except in a jurisdiction where the population is wholly colored.

The above is an inquiry addressed to the Tulsa Tribune by a former Republican County Commissioner. This is the kind of man the Republicans nominated and elected to office with the help of the colored vote.

Now because a colored man is the party nominee for the position he once held he reveals his yellow streak by injecting the race question in the erstwhile vigorous but peaceful campaign.

Thus it remained for a Republican to raise the much-discredited and time-worn issue so dear to the jack-leg, spineless, unscrupulous politician. Once opened up there are always to be found weak-hearted people to give undue importance to this question which has in fact no place in the great political issues involved. Accordingly, the Tulsa Tribune seems to have found special pleasure in giving publicity to the inquiry and to acquiesce in the un-American sentiment expressed therein. Both the inquiry by Martin and the editorial relating to and answering it, by the Tribune, are representations of perverted Americanism and bespeak the respective characters of the two writers; but we are not surprised in either. In our opinion, both are undesirable citizens.

The Tulsa World followed this up Tuesday morning with a front page editorial giving more needless publicity to the question in an attempt to retaliate by showing that a colored man was also a candidate on the Democratic ticket. In this editorial the World charged the Democrats of Tulsa "subsidized a colored Democratic paper in the Negro section, its candidates play politics with Negro voters and organize Democratic clubs," etc. This is another attempt on the part of the World to play politics of the basest nature.

The colored people of Tulsa in casting their lot with the Democratic party have acted of their own volition because they have learned from actual experience that their best friends are not to be found in the Republican ranks. Acting on their own initiative they not only organized clubs, but many of them have contributed their bit to the cause of true Democracy as they have found it among the Democrats of Tulsa. So far as the Tulsa Star is concerned, we are not "subsidized" by any party. We stand and fight for the true principles of democracy—for an equal and fair chance for the colored man, along side of all other men, in the economic and political life of our common country. In our advocacy of these principles we are not influenced by the hope of any pecuniary gain, bonus or bounty of any kind, or lashed policy.

The race question should have been left out of this campaign, but a Republic has thrust it upon us. It is quite natural that the scoundrels of both parties should relish this as a coveted desert of a political feast, but the cultured minds of both parties and of both races must frown upon the spectacle.

There is no good reason why a colored man should not aspire for political positions. As a citizen he has a perfect right to do so, and his racial identity should be no barrier to his ambition, though very often it is. The conditions we have lived under in this country for the past fifty years, the traditions of a misguided people, are responsible for the prejudice a black man must overcome to succeed in almost any worthy undertaking.

Viewed from a sane, practical standpoint, however—taking things as they are rather than discussing them as they should be—the colored man who

aspires for political positions should be conscious of his ability to successfully and creditably discharge the duties of the office he seeks; convinced that, under existing conditions, he would be able to render as much service and do as much good for all the people of his community as his white opponent for the same position; above reproach in his daily life and habits among his fellowmen and worthy in the estimation of his own people of the honor he seeks. Unless he comes up to this standard he should not embarrass himself and his people by announcing for public office.

The colored people of Tulsa know whether or not the Republican nominee for County Commissioner comes up to this standard and they will vote their approval or disapproval as the case deserves.

Tom Munroe Will Draw Heavily on Colored Voters

Colored Man at Alsama Writes Encouraging Letter to County Attorney—Though They Have Never Met, is Working For Election of Monroe

It is certainly something out of the ordinary for a public official to be blessed with the active encouragement and co-operation in his campaign for re-election of any man whom he has never met; and it is even more out of the ordinary if such public official is a white democrat and such unknown friend happens to be a colored man. And yet, that is precisely the predicament Tom Munroe, democratic candidate for re-election to the office of County Attorney, found himself Tuesday when he received a letter from a well known colored man of Alsama, assuring the County Attorney that, although a colored man and a stranger, he was putting forth his best efforts to re-elect him. Not for money, not for favors, but solely because of the splendid record Tom Munroe has made since he was elected to the office.

The letter in full and Mr. Munroe's answer follows:

Alsama, Okla., Oct. 25, '20.
 Hon. T. I. Munroe,
 Tulsa, Okla.,

My dear sir:

I am sure that you will be surprised to know that I am a stranger, also a colored man, and am putting forth every effort to put you over in this Linn Lane Township.

I am not doing so for anything only on your past record as County Attorney. Of course I am a stranger to you, but you may ask Jake Dillard, Stacie Webb or A. J. Smitherman of the Tulsa Star about me.

Respectfully,
 M. C. BALTRIP.

Tulsa, Okla., Oct. 30, '20.
 Mr. M. C. Baltrip,
 Alsama, Okla.,

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 25th suggesting your appreciation of our efforts as your County Attorney, and assuring me of your support at the coming election.

During my term in office I have given the colored man the same consideration as the white. It is always a pleasure to serve those who appreciate our efforts, and I find your race especially appreciative.

I thank you very kindly for your interest in me and I appreciate very much your efforts in my behalf in Linn Lane Township. I shall be very glad to have you call upon me at any time and if I may serve you in any way you will please command me.

Yours very truly,
 County Attorney,
 T. I. MONROE.

Mr. Baltrip is well known in Tulsa having been engaged in the real estate business here several years ago. He purchased a farm at Alsama two years ago and has some engaged in agricultural work.

Tom I. Monroe is well known to the majority of the colored people of Tulsa and in the County. He has many friends among them in both parties and will receive the big end of the colored vote next Tuesday. As stated in his reply to Mr. Baltrip, Mr. Monroe has shown no discrimination in his official dealing with colored people; he has been fair and impartial in the administrative duties of his office. In short, he has made good and deserves to be re-elected—as he will be, no doubt.

Tulsa Boy Weds in Foralla, Ala.

Mr. Cooty Johnson, nephew of Hon. B. J. Hill, was married last Tuesday evening at 9:30 at Foralla, Ala., to Miss Geneva Williams of that city, and returned to Tulsa on Friday via the Frisco. The newly weds will make this their future home.

Howard Strong Favorite In the Race for Congress

Home Man Will Get Landslide Vote in Tulsa County—Will Draw Heavily on Republicans

Soldier Vote will Help Return E. B. Howard to U. S. Congress

At the close of the campaign and on the eve of election day every indication points to the success of Congressman E. B. Howard for re-election to Congress from the first congressional district, seat which he has held since 1906, and it is particularly so in Tulsa and Tulsa County.

The district has never been represented by a man more able, more winning and more popular with his constituents than Congressman Howard. And this popularity is not confined altogether to his race or to his party. All who know E. B. Howard will agree that his character is composed of all the elements essential to true manhood, and he deserves the confidence and high esteem so lavishly bestowed upon him by the people of his home town.

Much of the Congressman's strength and support in this campaign has come from republicans who have the foresight to put the interest of the people above party obligations.

shr. eGI. f emfwyp jkqkso

bgkqj shruu mfwyp shrdri uywfwf

They want Howard returned because they know he will not betray his trust; because they know of the good work he has done in the past as their representative in Congress, and because they have reasons to believe he is decidedly the best man for the place—that's why E. B. Howard will be returned by the biggest majority ever given a Congressman from this district.

Colored Soldiers For Howard

A Star representative questioned 93 colored ex-soldier boys this week to see how they intended to vote with respect to Congressman Howard and his opponent "Bert" Chandler and all except one of that number were emphatic for Howard. The other one said he had not made up his mind.

Several of that number said they had received special benefits from Mr. Howard in an official way while he was in Washington. This proves true what the Congressman has often said: "I will work just as long and just as earnestly to look after the affairs of a colored man in Washington as I would any white man, and find just as much pleasure in doing it," and accounts for the many friends he has among the colored people of this district.

Scott Ferris Closes Campaign in Tulsa

Democratic Nominee For Senate Picked as Winner in Tuesday's Election

Hon. Scott Ferris, democratic nominee for the U. S. Senate closed his campaign in Tulsa last night with one of his characteristic speeches. He discussed the issues of the campaign and plead for a united democratic front in the election next Tuesday.

Mr. Ferris has made a vigorous campaign beginning in the primaries, and it is believed, a successful one. His record, a successful one. His record as United States Congressman stands well in his favor for the Senatorial toga and gives him a big handicap over his republican opponent.

Scott Ferris will be elected by a substantial majority, according to pre-election signs, despite the powerful republican machine set to work against him early in the campaign. Many of the colored people of Tulsa voted for him in the primary and a greater number will vote for him Tuesday.

When You Have Anything to Haul, Call
 J. C. CANWAY
 Baggage & Transfer Man
 Prompt and Reliable
 Phone Osage 931



MINNETTE HEDGES

Democratic Candidate For Re-election

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS